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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - PRESS RELEASE ON SIGNING OF AGREEMENTS

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT PRESS RELEASE WHICH DEPT PROPOSES  
ISSUE AT TIME OF SIGNING OF THREE CIVAIR AGREEMENTS ON  
MAY 8. IF EMBASSY HAS ANY SUGGESTIONS, PLEASE PROVIDE  
ASAP:

"US AND CANADA SIGN CIVIL AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENTS

THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA TODAY SIGNED IN OTTAWA THREE  
AGREEMENTS WHICH SIGNIFICANTLY EXPAND AND CEMENT THEIR  
AIR TRANSPORT RELATIONS IN THE AREAS OF AIRLINE ROUTES,  
CHARTER FLIGHTS, AND PRECLEARANCE OF PASSENGERS TRAVELING  
BY AIR BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. AMBASSADOR WILLIAM  
J. PORTER SIGNED THE THREE AGREEMENTS FOR THE UNITED  
STATES; SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MITCHELL  
SHARP SIGNED THE AIRLINE ROUTE AGREEMENT AND MINISTER  
OF TRANSPORT JEAN MARCHAND SIGNED THE CHARTER FLIGHT AND  
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PRECLEARANCE AGREEMENTS FOR CANADA.

THE AGREEMENT ON AIRLINE ROUTES TAKES THE FORM OF THE ADDITION OF NEW ROUTES AND THE EXPANSION OF SOME EXISTING ROUTES IN THE US-CANADA AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT OF 1966. SERVICES OVER SOME OF THE ROUTES ARE DEFERRED FOR VARYING PERIODS UP TO FIVE YEARS IN ORDER TO ASSURE THAT THE EXPANSION IN TRANSBORDER AIR SERVICES IS ORDERLY. SOME OF THE PRINCIPAL NEW ROUTES WHICH US AIRLINES MAY OPERATE ARE: CHICAGO TO MONTREAL, WINNIPEG AND VANCOUVER; CLEVELAND TO TORONTO AND MONTREAL; HOUSTON/DALLAS/FORT WORTH TO CALGARY/EDMONTON AND TORONTO/MONTREAL; BOSTON TO TORONTO; DETROIT TO MONTREAL; LOS ANGELES TO MONTREAL AND CALGARY/EDMONTON; SAN FRANCISCO TO TORONTO/MONTREAL AND CALGARY/EDMONTON; AND HONOLULU TO VANCOUVER. PRINCIPAL NEW ROUTES WHICH CANADIAN AIRLINES MAY OPERATE INCLUDE: TORONTO TO BOSTON, DALLAS/FORT WORTH/HOUSTON, AND SAN FRANCISCO; MONTREAL TO BOSTON, CLEVELAND, SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES; WINNIPEG TO CHICAGO; CALGARY TO CHICAGO, SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES; EDMONTON TO SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES; AND VANCOUVER TO SEATTLE AND LOS ANGELES.

THE AGREEMENT ON AIR TRANSPORT PRECLEARANCE PROVIDES FOR IMPROVED FACILITIES AND SUPPORT FOR US CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION OFFICES PRESENTLY CLEARING US BOUND PASSENGERS AT FOUR CANADIAN DEPARTURE POINTS (MONTREAL, TORONTO, WINNIPEG, AND VANCOUVER). THE AGREEMENT ALSO PROVIDES FOR INTRODUCING PRECLEARANCE AT SEVEN OTHER CANADIAN AIRPORTS (HALIFAX, QUEBEC, LONDON, OTTAWA, CALGARY, EDMONTON, AND VICTORIA) AND THIRTEEN US AIRPORTS (BOSTON, CHICAGO, CLEVELAND, DALLAS/FT. WORTH, DENVER, HONOLULU, HOUSTON, LOS ANGELES, MIAMI, NEW YORK, NEWARK, SAN FRANCISCO, AND TAMPA) AT SUCH TIME AS TRAFFIC JUSTIFIES IT AND ADEQUATE FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE.

THE NONSCHEDULED AIR SERVICE AGREEMENT WILL, FOR THE FIRST TIME, PERMIT AIRLINES OF BOTH COUNTRIES TO OPERATE CHARTER FLIGHTS UNDER A BILATERALLY-AGREED REGIME, RATHER THAN UNDER THE UNILATERALLY CONTROLLED ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICIAL USE

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MENT WHICH HAS SO FAR PREVAILED. GENERALLY, AIRLINES OF EITHER COUNTRY WILL BE REQUIRED TO OPERATE THREE CHARTERS ORIGINATING IN THEIR OWN COUNTRY FOR EVERY FOUR WHICH ORIGINATE IN THE OTHER COUNTRY (A SO-CALLED UPLIFT RATIO). HOWEVER, BECAUSE CERTAIN US-CANADA CHARTER MARKETS CONSIST ALMOST ENTIRELY OF CANADIANS TRAVELING TO THE US, EXCEPTIONS TO THE UPLIFT RATIO ARE PROVIDED IN CERTAIN INSTANCES, PARTICULARLY FROM

CHARTER FLIGHTS BY US AIRLINES BETWEEN CANADA AND HAWAII,  
CALIFORNIA, NEVADA, FLORIDA, PUERTO RICO, AND THE  
US VIRGIN ISLANDS. INSTEAD, THE VOLUME OF SUCH CHARTER  
TRAFFIC BY US AIRLINES WILL NOT EXCEED CERTAIN AGREED

PERCENTAGES OF THE TOTAL VOLUME OF CHARTER TRAFFIC  
MOVING IN THE MARKETS INDICATED. THESE PERCENTAGES  
WILL EVENTUALLY REACH 25 PERCENT OF THE HAWAII AND  
FLORIDA MARKETS AND 40 PERCENT OF ALL THE INDICATED  
MARKETS COMBINED. IN VIEW OF CERTAIN PROBLEMS OVER  
ACCEPTING CURRENT CANADIAN RULES ON INCLUSIVE TOUR  
CHARTERS, THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF RIGHTS IN  
CERTAIN AREAS IS HELD IN ABEYANCE UNDER RESERVATIONS  
ATTACHED BY BOTH GOVERNMENTS TO THE AGREEMENT.

THE TEXTS OF THE THREE AGREEMENTS, AND RELATED NOTE  
EXCHANGES, ARE ATTACHED. RUSH

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